

6485. Adulteration of Coca-Cola. U. S. * * * v. Washington Coca-Cola Bottling Works, a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$200. (F. & D. No. 8780. I. S. Nos. 1838-p, 1840-p.)

On July 9, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the aforesaid District an information against the Washington Coca-Cola Bottling Works, a corporation, doing business at Washington, D. C., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on August 8, 1917, and August 11, 1917, from the District of Columbia into the State of Virginia, of quantities of an article labeled in part, "Coca-Cola," which was adulterated.

Examination of a sample of 6 bottles of the article from the shipment of August 8 by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that one bottle contained a fly; this and two others showed dirt and sediment; the other three showed a slight amount of sediment; and all the bottles were dirty. Examination of a sample from shipment of August 11 consisting of 2 bottles of Coca-Cola, showed that one bottle contained sediment and a dead insect, and the other bottle contained a slight amount of sediment.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal and vegetable substance.

On July 9, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$200.

J. R. RIGGS, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*